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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OFFICE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY NEPA DETERMINATION



RECIPIENT: National Conference of State Legislatures

STATE: Mult

PROJECT

TITLE:

Assistance to State Legislatures on Energy Efficiency Issues

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number

Procurement Instrument Number DE-EE0007524

NEPA Control Number CID Number GFO-0007524-001 GO7524

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Order 451.1A), I have made the following determination:

CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:

Description:

A11 Technical advice and assistance to organizations

Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.

A9 Information and dissemination

Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, site visits, and gathering, analysis, audits), data analysis (including, but not limited to, computer modeling), document preparation (including, but not limited to, conceptual design, feasibility studies, and analytical energy supply and demand studies), and information dissemination (including, but not limited to, document publication and distribution, and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring. (See also B3.1 of appendix B to this subpart.)

Rationale for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to provide federal funding to the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) to engage with state legislators and legislative staff to advance DOE's national energy goals, by educating state legislatures on energy efficiency and renewable energy matters comprising technical, financial, regulatory and policy related issues.

The proposed project activities would include maintaining the Energy Efficiency Policy Online Clearinghouse and Legislative Tracking Database, answering information requests, providing technical assistance, coordinating meetings and webinars, and writing articles and memos. Additionally, NCSL would collaborate with its partners at the National Association of State Energy Officials, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, the National Governors Association and Western Governors' Association to ensure that a broad range of expertise would be utilized.

Based on the review of the proposal, DOE has determined the proposal fits within the class of action(s) selected above. DOE has also determined that: (1) there are no extraordinary circumstances (as defined by 10 CFR 1021.410 (2)) related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal; (2) the proposal has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion; and (3) the proposal is not connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts, related to other proposals with cumulatively significant actions, or an improper interim action. This proposal is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

If the Recipient intends to make changes to the scope or objective of this project, the Recipient is required to contact the Project Officer, identified in Block 15 of the Assistance Agreement before proceeding. The Recipient must receive notification of approval from the DOE Contracting Officer prior to commencing with work beyond that currently approved. If the Recipient moves forward with activities that are not authorized for Federal funding by the DOE Contracting Officer in advance of a final NEPA decision, the Recipient is doing so at risk of not receiving Federal funding and such costs may not be recognized as allowable cost share.

Note to Specialist:

Note to Specialist: Weatherization & Intergovernmental Programs Office (SEP) This NEPA Determination does not requires a tailored NEPA provision. NEPA review completed by Diana Heyder, 08/23/16 SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION. NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION ☐ Field Office Manager review required NCO REQUESTS THE FIELD OFFICE MANAGER REVIEW FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON: Proposed action fits within a categorical exclusion but involves a high profile or controversial issue that warrants Field Office Manager's attention. Proposed action falls within an EA or EIS category and therefore requires Field Office Manager's review and determination. BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO: Field Office Manager's Signature: Date: __ Field Office Manager